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IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (amended). Apparatus for emptying a hose bag comprising a cap-like mating part fixed on one end thereof, which has a pipe-shaped outlet opening (3) and a helical cutting device arranged therein for opening the hose bag.

Claim 2 (amended). Apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the blade is rotatably displaceable into the outlet opening and in the hose bag direction through an insertable nozzle.

Claim 3 (amended). Apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the blade is lockable in an end position, wherein a hose bag is cut open.

Claim 4 (amended). Apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the nozzle seals against the inner wall of the pipe-shaped outlet opening.